



Pennsylvania Broilers

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For the Week of February 23-March 1, 2003

Pennsylvania Broiler Placements Down 3 Percent from the Previous Week

Pennsylvania: Broiler chicks placed in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 1, 2003, were 2,461,000, down 3 percent from the previous week and 7 percent less than the corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 2 percent below 1 year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,494,000, up 11 percent from the previous week but 7 percent less than the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 14 percent below the comparable period last year.

Nineteen States: Broiler chicks placed in the 19 Selected States were 164,349,000, down less than 1 percent from the previous week and 3 percent less

than the corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 2 percent below 1 year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 205,205,000, up 1 percent from the previous week but 2 percent less than the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 4 percent below the comparable period last year.

Expected Marketings: Expected marketings, based on placements 7-9 weeks earlier, less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending April 26, 2003, will be 2,443,000, 1 percent less than a year earlier. The 19 States expected marketings should total 160,146,000, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Broilers Placed, Eggs Set, Expected Marketings

Period Covered	Pennsylvania			19 States		
	Number (1,000)	Percent		Number (1,000)	Percent	
		Previous Week	Year Earlier		Previous Week	Year Earlier
	Broilers Placed					
Past Week	2,461	97	93	164,349	100	97
Past 9 Weeks	22,737	-	98	1,482,920	-	98
	Eggs Set					
Past Week	3,494	111	93	205,205	101	98
Past 3 Weeks	10,065	-	86	608,827	-	96
	Expected Marketings					
Week Ending: Apr. 26, 2003	2,443	-	99	160,146	-	98

Poultry Slaughter: Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending February 22, 2003, totaled 1,965,000 head with an average live weight of 5.04 pounds.

**The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.
Data is now being reported as a 19 State total.**

Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1
	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
	Thousand					
AL	27,453	27,654	*27,284	27,311	27,533	27,458
AR	31,087	30,468	30,994	30,350	30,762	30,603
DE	3,418	3,607	3,489	3,348	3,295	3,489
FL	1,581	1,587	1,609	1,605	1,598	1,500
GA	31,410	31,169	*30,909	30,817	*31,321	31,708
KY	6,384	6,562	*6,692	6,121	6,188	6,277
MD	9,883	9,935	9,897	8,694	9,351	9,370
MS	19,241	18,885	18,501	18,912	18,447	18,884
NC	18,099	18,017	*18,151	18,492	18,754	19,091
OK	6,435	6,695	6,432	6,395	6,632	6,373
PA	3,509	3,631	3,447	*3,434	*3,137	3,494
SC	4,823	4,946	4,820	4,842	4,823	4,857
TX	14,809	14,729	14,417	14,786	14,807	14,816
VA	6,629	6,515	6,520	6,491	6,562	6,720
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,946	*19,590	19,682	18,671	20,143	20,565
19 State Total	204,707	*203,990	*202,844	*200,269	*203,353	205,205
Previous Year Total	206,876	208,754	208,199	210,479	211,110	210,211
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	97	95	96	98

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1
	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
	Thousand					
AL	21,492	21,231	21,390	20,696	21,200	20,287
AR	23,950	23,524	25,475	23,806	*24,509	24,680
DE	4,775	5,018	4,698	5,539	5,114	5,044
FL	1,689	1,754	1,393	1,739	1,740	1,752
GA	24,928	25,094	25,425	*25,844	*25,415	25,701
KY	5,254	5,566	5,315	5,366	5,491	5,503
MD	6,493	6,274	6,265	5,601	5,732	5,823
MS	15,937	15,968	15,479	15,967	15,727	15,500
NC	14,290	14,262	14,439	14,217	*14,011	13,987
OK	4,289	5,624	4,259	4,509	*4,091	4,840
PA	2,510	2,523	2,482	*2,551	*2,544	2,461
SC	4,100	4,209	3,607	3,534	3,708	3,428
TX	12,193	12,276	11,905	12,340	11,872	11,660
VA	5,007	5,287	5,617	5,612	5,286	5,847
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,138	17,864	17,206	18,758	*18,429	17,836
19 State Total	166,045	166,474	164,955	*166,079	*164,869	164,349
Previous Year Total	167,400	164,318	165,373	167,095	170,461	169,215
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	100	99	97	97

* Revised